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THE FOLLOWING IS REVISED SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON MUSEUM
INTERCHANGE:

THE BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR TOKYO AND KYOTO
JAPAN AND TITLED "COLLECTED MASTERWORKS FROM ART MUSEUMS
OF THE UNITED STATES" PROCEEDS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
DR. SHERMAN E. LEE, DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND ART MUSEUM, AND
SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER. CONFIRMED LOANS THUS FAR INCLUDE
PRIMITIVE, ORIENTAL, MAYAN, NEAR-EASTERN, EGYPTIAN, GREEK,
MEDIEVAL, RENAISSANCE, BAROQUE, AMERICAN, 19TH AND 20TH
CENTURIES ART. THE PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS SPAN THE UNITED
STATES AND WELL REPRESENT AMERICAN CONNOISSEURSHIP. OF
THE 80 OBJECTS SELECTED THUS FAR, 77 ARE CONFIRMED; THE
REST WILL BE DECIDED PRESENTLY. THE EXHIBITION CATALOGUE
IS NOW IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE READY FOR THE SEPTEMBER
OPENING IN TOKYO. OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THIS
EXHIBITION COMMITTEE ARE DR. RICHARD F. BROWN, DIRECTOR,
THE KIMBALL ART MUSEUM, AND DR. HAROLD P. STERN, DIRECTOR,
THE FREER GALLERY OF ART.

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THE STUDY GROUP ON CARE OF WORKS OF ART IN TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS HELD ITS FIRST MEETING IN WASHINGTON AT THE FREER GALLERY OF ART 11-13 AUGUST, 1975. THIRTEEN PARTICIPANTS FROM THE U.S. WERE JOINED BY THREE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES FROM JAPAN AND EIGHT OBSERVERS. W.T. CHASE, HEAD CONSERVATOR OF THE FREER, CHAIRED THE SESSIONS.

SEVENTEEN PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO THE ASSEMBLY, COVERING SUCH TOPICS AS SPECIAL FEATURES OF JAPANESE ART OBJECTS, LIGHTING, HUMIDITY, TEMPERATURE AND DISPLAY CASES FOR ART IN TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS. A PRELIMINARY REPORT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN DRAFT TO MEMBERS OF THE STUDY GROUP AND A FINAL REPORT WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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